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APPLICANT: O'Connell, John, et al EXAMINER:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

August 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/172,614, filed June 14, 2002, now allowed, which is a continuation of PCT/IE00/00151, filed December 18, 2000, which claims benefit of PCT/IE/00133, filed December 17, 1999. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, delete lines 4-8 and insert in place thereof -- This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/172,614, filed June 14, 2002, now allowed, which is a continuation of PCT/IE00/00151, filed December 18, 2000, which claims benefit of PCT/IE99/00133, filed December 17, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety--.